



## NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NOACA Board of Directors

**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

**DATE:** March 2, 2018

**RE:** **Resolution 2018-009 – Project Planning Reviews for 3rd Quarter State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018**

#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The Board of Directors is asked to approve projects proposed for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter SFY 2018 to acknowledge that it has successfully completed project planning review (PPR).

The Transportation Subcommittee and the Planning and Programming Committee have approved this item.

#### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

NOACA's Board approved Regional Transportation Investment Policy requires that all proposed federal-aid transportation projects be processed through PPR in order to meet NOACA's adopted goals and federal requirements.

PPR consists of four levels of review: NOACA staff; Board, including committees, subcommittees, and councils; intergovernmental review and consultation (IGRC); and public involvement. The end product of PPR is a Board resolution that certifies that the project has had thorough review, allowing the project to proceed to the programming stages of the planning process.

The third quarter PPRs cover roadway and transit projects in the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) and Laketrans.

Detailed information about the projects can be found at:

- i. GCRTA Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Grant Program <http://noaca.org/index.aspx?page=7583>
- ii. Safety Projects in Geauga County <http://noaca.org/index.aspx?page=7585>
- iii. LAKETRAN Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Program Revision <http://noaca.org/index.aspx?page=7586>

As part of the PPR process, a detailed summary of the proposed improvement and staff and committee assessment of the project are posted on NOACA's website, [www.NOACA.org](http://www.NOACA.org). A link to the PPRs is included on the home page by clicking the 'Comment on Projects' button. Staff adds comments obtained from the public, governmental organizations and NOACA committees as they are received. Proposed projects are posted on the website for three months, allowing adequate time for review and comment.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact.

**CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

With Board approval, project sponsors will be notified that their project has completed PPR. NOACA staff will work with project sponsors to address any planning issues identified during PPR prior to amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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Attachment: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter PPR Project List

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-008 PROJECT PLANNING REVIEW PROJECTS for 3rd QUARTER SFY 2018**  
**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**3/2/2018**

Primary Work Category	PID No.	County	Sponsor	Project Name	Project Description	Total Cost	SFY
Roadway	106261	Geauga	ODOT	GEA US 322 - 7.78	Improvements at the intersection of US-322 and Auburn Road, in Munson Township, to mitigate crashes at the intersection caused by lack of exclusive left turn lane, poor signal head visibility and congestion.	\$2,503,960	PEPD - 2018 PEDD - 2019 RW - 2019 CO - 2021
Roadway	103884	Geauga	ODOT	GEA SR 608 - 3.09	Widen the shoulders on SR-608 (Old State Road), between Nauvoo Road to approximately 2,500 feet north of Burton Windsor Road, Middlefield Township to mitigate buggy safety and reduce rear end crashes involving motor vehicles attributed to queues that form behind low speed buggies.	\$2,769,028	PEPD - 2018 PEDD - 2019 RW - 2020 CO - 2021
Transit		Cuyahoga	GCRTA	GCRTA FY 2018 Capital Grant Program	2018 Sec. 5307 Capital Formula, Sec. 5337 State of Good Repair and Sec. 5339 Bus Facilities Grants; 2016 and 2017 Sec. 5307 Capital Formula Grant Revisions; and 2016 and 2017 Sec. 5337 State of Good Repair Grant Revisions	\$54,704,429	2018
Transit		Lake	LAKETRAN	LAKETRAN FY 2018 Capital Program Revision	The program revision involves removing the project to expand an existing park and ride lot, located at Market Street and Munson Road, in Mentor (PID No. 83102) and redirecting the project's \$388,000 of CMAQ funding to the purchase of replacement commuter buses under the LAKETRAN 2018 MCI COMMUTER BUSES PID No. 99122).	\$388,000	2018

**TOTAL \$60,365,417**

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina, and the City of Cleveland; and the areawide water quality management agency for the same region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States, through law, and the U.S. Department of Transportation, through regulation, have determined that a long-range transportation plan and a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that include federal-aid transportation projects expected to be implemented during their time frames shall be prepared; and

**WHEREAS**, the NOACA's Regional Transportation Investment Policy (Resolution No. 2015-015) requires that all proposed federal-aid transportation projects be processed through project planning review in order to meet transportation plan goals and federal requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, project planning review consists of staff technical and policy assessment, committee review, public involvement, and Intergovernmental Review and Consultation; and

**WHEREAS**, the following projects have been processed through project planning review:

- a) Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT): GEA US 322-7.78: PID No. 106261 - The proposed project involves modifications and improvements to the intersection of US-322 and Auburn Road, in Munson Township.
- b) Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT): GEA SR 608-3.09: PID No. 103884 - The proposed project involves widening the shoulders on SR-608 (Old State Road), from Nauvo Road to approximately 2,500 feet north of Burton Windsor Road, in Middlefield Township.
- c) Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Agency (GCRTA), FY 2018 Capital Grant Program - GCRTA is adding two new projects to its Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2018 program and moving two projects back to future years. GCRTA is revising and amending its FFY 2017 Capital Formula, FFY 2017 State of Good Repair, FFY 2016 Capital Formula and FFY 2016 State of Good Repair grant programs to re-allocate project funds to address under-runs, over-runs, and revised project priorities impacting 12 TIP projects. GCRTA is also adding two projects, previously in the SFY 2016 - 2019 TIP, to the current SFY 2018 – 2021 TIP due to delays in receiving timely environmental approvals.
- d) LAKETRAN: FY 2018 Capital Program Revisions: The program revision involves removing the project to expand an existing park and ride lot, located at Market Street and Munson Road, in Mentor (PID No. 83102) and redirecting the project's \$388,000 of CMAQ funding to the purchase of replacement commuter buses under the LAKETRAN 2018 MCI COMMUTER BUSES PID No. 99122).

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**WHEREAS**, the project planning review may contain recommendations that require project sponsor attention or action; and

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that the project sponsor will, in good faith, endeavor to address comments and recommendations and will provide evidence of such, prior to the projects advancing; and

**WHEREAS**, the above project planning review was recommended by the Transportation Subcommittee, the Planning and Programming Committee and the Executive Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of forty-five principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina that:

**Section 1:** The projects in attachment 1 have successfully completed project planning review. The project planning review is a part of the project's permanent record, and will be used in future programming and prioritization decisions. The project is not subject to additional planning review unless there are significant changes in scope or finances, as determined by the appropriate committee.

**Section 2:** The project sponsor must endeavor to comply with any recommendations that have occurred as a result of the project planning review and will provide evidence of such in coordination with NOACA staff. NOACA staff will report back to appropriate NOACA committees and the Board regarding the coordination.

**Section 3:** The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 9th day of March 2018.

Secretary: 

Date Signed: 3-9-18